

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Peter Danko
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLOSING AN OPEN END OF A
PRODUCT, AND PRODUCT FORMED THEREBY
Appl. No.: Unassigned
Filing Date: 10/01/2003
Examiner: Unassigned
Art Unit: Unassigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 a listing of the documents cited by or submitted to the U.S. PTO in parent application Serial No. 09/774,874, filed 02/01/2001. As provided in 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the documents are not being provided since they were previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the above-identified parent application.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All of the documents are in English.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Oct. 1, 2003

By Charles F. Schill

FOLEY & LARDNER
Customer Number: 22428
Telephone: (202) 945-6148
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

Charles F. Schill *RFW*
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 27,590

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|----|---|--------------------------|-------------|
| Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: October 1, 2003 (use as many sheets as necessary) | | | | Complete if Known | |
| | | | | Application Number | Unassigned |
| | | | | Filing Date | 10/01/2003 |
| | | | | First Named Inventor | Peter Danko |
| | | | | Group Art Unit | Unassigned |
| | | | | Examiner Name | Unassigned |
| | | | | Attorney Docket Number | 046201-0109 |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | | |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | U.S. Patent Document | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | Number | Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| | A1 | 1,930,345 | | LEWIS | 10/10/1933 | |
| | A2 | 2,278,331 | | MEYERCORD | 03/31/1942 | |
| | A3 | 3,031,356 | | BOUSQUET ET AL. | 04/24/1962 | |
| | A4 | 3,274,315 | | KAWAMURA | 09/20/1966 | |
| | A5 | 3,450,593 | | FOSSIER ET AL. | 06/17/1969 | |
| | A6 | 3,528,873 | | SCHOLL ET AL. | 09/15/1970 | |
| | A7 | 3,540,116 | | DRAHOS ET AL. | 11/17/1970 | |
| | A8 | 3,579,396 | | WASHBURN ET AL. | 05/18/1971 | |
| | A9 | 3,580,770 | | DYAL | 05/25/1971 | |
| | A10 | 3,616,116 | | MCDONALD | 10/26/1971 | |
| | A11 | 3,701,707 | | SCHOLL ET AL. | 13/31/1972 | |
| | A12 | 3,785,908 | | WAGERS ET AL. | 01/15/1974 | |
| | A13 | 3,788,920 | | FRAPPIER ET AL. | 01/29/1974 | |
| | A14 | 3,792,951 | | MEYERS | 02/19/1974 | |
| | A15 | 3,806,389 | | GWYNNE | 10/31/1972 | |
| | A16 | 3,998,679 | | GWYNNE | 12/21/1976 | |
| | A17 | 4,145,236 | | NEUMAYER ET AL. | 03/20/1979 | |
| | A18 | 4,347,955 | | KAMAL | 09/07/1982 | |
| | A19 | 4,385,090 | | SIMS | 05/24/1983 | |
| | A20 | 4,539,065 | | SCHMITT | 09/03/1985 | |
| | A21 | 4,891,085 | | MULLIGAN | 01/02/1990 | |
| | A22 | 5,091,038 | | GRELLER ET AL. | 02/25/1992 | |
| | A23 | 5,240,527 | | LOSTAK ET AL. | 08/31/1993 | |
| | A24 | 5,246,516 | | RIAS | 09/21/1993 | |
| | A25 | 5,709,053 | | KURODA | 01/20/1998 | |

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.